

Amendments to the Specification

At page 11, under ABSTRACT, please replace the paragraph starting on line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

~~One aspect of the invention is a~~ An entrails removal instrument for making a hollow cavity in the gut of a bait fish such as a herring, ~~including~~. In some embodiments, the instrument comprises an elongate body having two straight parallel longitudinal sides, the ~~the~~ body forming a curved groove between the ~~the~~ longitudinal sides; an end section, the ~~the~~ end section extending from the ~~the~~ elongate body and tapering in width to a rounded point; and a plurality of tines emanating from a surface of the instrument, wherein at least one tine of the ~~the~~ plurality of tines emanates from the end section and is directed away from the rounded point and towards the elongate body ~~wherein said~~. The entrails removal instrument is adapted to fit into the body of the bait fish and form a hollow cavity when inserted into the body, rotated and removed.